



Montclair News and Events

A supplement to the news and events of the monthly calendar

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Mark Your Calendars!



- * **Early Release Days**~
Every Tuesday the students are dismissed at 11:55.
- * **October 6-10** ~
MEPA Field Testing for LEP students
- * **October 10** ~ 1st
Grade Field Trip to
Wards' Berry Farm
- * **October 13** ~ Colum-
bus Day Observed ~
No School
- * **October 14** ~ PTO
Meeting at 8:30
- * **October 1-15** ~
PTO Yankee Candle
Fundraiser
- * **October 24** ~ Sock
Hop from 7-9 Spon-
sored by the PTO
- * **October 27** ~ Pic-
ture Retake Day
- * **October 31** ~ Happy
Halloween!!

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Back to School ~ Welcome back to what is sure to be a successful, fun, and invigorating school year. Our entire school community returned to school well-rested and ready to jump back into academic life! I know that you will join us in making this school year an enormous success for our students.

Open House ~ Thank you for your overwhelming support during Open House. It was fantastic to see and meet so many of you. I look forward to another terrific year with dedicated teachers, remarkable students, supportive parents, and committed community members.



Safety ~ Keeping your child safe at school is one of our top priorities. Below, please find a few reminders for drop off and dismissal to insure the safety and wellbeing of your child.

**Cross at the crosswalks with a crossing guard. I would like to welcome our new crossing guards, Joan Mackie (at Belmont and West Squantum) and Debra Schlager (at Belmont and Holbrook). I would also like to welcome our new Community Police Officer Kent Yee.



**Observe the parking restrictions and designated pick-up areas.

**Arrive at school between 8:00-8:15. Students should not arrive to school prior to 8:00 as there is no supervision.

**Choose a designated pick-up area for your child to meet you at everyday. It is easier and safer for your child to find you each day at a consistent location.

CORI Reminder ~ If you are planning on volunteering at Montclair this year (i.e. room parent, chaperon on field trip, PTO events, etc.) a CORI form must be completed. A CORI is a criminal record check. Everyone in the building has to have a CORI ~ teachers, staff, interns, student teachers, parents, and volunteers. CORI checks are good for 3 years and the office staff will keep track of who and when a CORI is completed. If you need a form or have any questions, please stop by the office.

Active Parenting Now ~ The Quincy Public Schools is sponsoring "Active Parenting Now." This program is a 6 week video based workshop for parents of children ages 4-12. The meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning October 14th and will be held at the Quincy Medical Center. The cost of the workshop is \$99 and registration forms are available in the office. Or, if you have further questions, contact Linda Billikas at 617-984-8791.

Great News! ~ Wal-Mart awarded Tracy O'Sullivan a \$1,000.00 check for music supplies for her extraordinary teaching initiatives in the classroom. Ms. O'Sullivan also received a \$100.00 gift card to Wal-Mart. The general manager and supervisor of community relations surprised and presented Ms. O'Sullivan the check on Wednesday, Oct 1, 2008 during a third grade music lesson. Congratulations to Ms. O'Sullivan!!!



October Testing ~ The fourth grade students are scheduled to take the Otis Lennon and Stanford 10 beginning on October 14. Also, all LEP students in grades 1-5 will take the MEPA Field Test October 1-9.

PTO Connection

Greetings from the PTO:

We hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We are looking forward to an exciting school year at Montclair School.

First, we want to thank everyone who stopped by the PTO table during the Open House. A big thank you to everyone who signed up to help out with our events - congratulations to Room 7's Dattatrea Kaulluri's on winning the raffle. Thank you, also, to our wonderful teachers who were available to answer PTO questions during the night.

More than 110 families and teachers have participated in this year's membership drive! If you are still interested in joining, is not too late to return your form. Additional forms are available by calling the school or emailing us at montclair_pto@yahoo.com. You do not need to become a member to help out with PTO events, however, your financial support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

October is a busy, busy month! The Box Top Contest started September 15th and runs through October 20th. Send in Box Tops with your children – the class with the most Box Tops wins a pizza party! **Remember, if you start your online shopping by first registering at boxtops4education.com, Montclair gets a percentage or set dollar amount, for every transaction started through this site, with no cost to you! It is an easy way to support the school year round with very little effort.**

We are excited with this year's Yankee Candle fundraiser. It begins October 1st and ends on October 15th. All orders must be in by October 15. Please carefully read the information letter accompanying the packets. Your orders will be in before the Holidays and Yankee Candle's make great gifts!

Our first PTO meeting of the year will be Tuesday, October 14th at 8:30am. This meeting will also be the Room Parent's Tea. PTO meetings are a great opportunity to meet other parents, learn more about the PTO, share ideas and help make decisions that directly impact the school. Children are always welcome at PTO meetings.

Start planning those Halloween costumes and put on your dancing shoes! The Soc Hop is Friday, October 24th from 7-9 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult to attend. More information regarding tickets and volunteer opportunities will be going home soon.

By now everyone should have received a magnet with the PTO Schedule of Meetings and Events. We will no longer be sending home PTO Meeting reminders. We will continue to send email reminders of meetings and other PTO events. If you would like to be added to our email contacts, please send an email to montclair_pto@yahoo.com.

Again, thank you for your support. We look forward to another great school year!

The PTO Board

Theresa Walsh – President

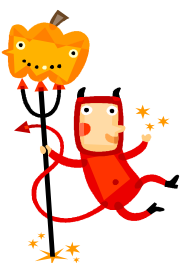
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Notes & Quotes

Reading Notes ~ Experts say that encouraging children to read is one of the most important things parents can do to ensure children's school success. Try to:

*Get the whole family involved in reading books (or favorite parts of books) aloud to each other.

*Be a reading role model. Make sure your child sees you reading. Have lots of reading materials around (newspapers, magazines, books, catalogs, etc).



*Go to the library often. It's free and it has a better selection than any book store.

*Read in unusual places—under a tree, on the floor, in the park, in a tent, upstairs, downstairs!

When it's fun and interesting and everybody's involved, parents can make reading exciting and important for children.

Worth Quoting ~ "Life doesn't require that we be the best, only that we try our best." H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Just for Fun ~

Q: What kind of food do math teachers eat?
A: Square meals!

